

## Proposed Sewer Increases

Residential customers pay a flat monthly charge for sewer services while most non-residential customers pay a rate per volume of water usage. The proposed sewer rate increases are 6.5% and 6.0% beginning January 1, 2012 and January 1, 2013, respectively. The proposed rate increases are needed to generate sufficient revenue for recovering costs associated with operations, maintenance and replacement of aging or failing infrastructure, as well as establishing and maintaining an adequate operating reserve.

### Two Year Maximum Rate Increases

		1/1/2012	1/1/2013
	Current	Proposed	Proposed
<b>Groups (I through VI)</b>		6.5%	6.0%
<b>Flat monthly charge:</b>			
<b>I - Residential</b>	\$23.03	\$24.53	\$26.00
<b>Per unit of water used:</b>			
<b>I - Multi-family</b>	\$2.65	\$2.82	\$2.99
<b>II - Commercial</b>	\$2.16	\$2.30	\$2.44
<b>III - Commercial</b>	\$3.28	\$3.49	\$3.70
<b>IV - Commercial</b>	\$6.08	\$6.47	\$6.86
<b>V - Other institutional</b>	\$2.06	\$2.19	\$2.32
<b>VI - Bio-Hydration Research</b>			
<b>Lab Inc.</b>	\$1.87	\$1.99	\$2.11
<b>Per student:</b>			
<b>V - Elementary school</b>	\$0.47	\$0.50	\$0.53
<b>V - Junior high school</b>	\$0.70	\$0.74	\$0.78
<b>V - High school</b>	\$0.94	\$1.00	\$1.06
<b>V - Boarding school</b>	\$4.90	\$5.22	\$5.53

The proposed rates, if adopted, will become effective January 1, 2012 and January 1, 2013.

### Sample of Maximum Rate Increases

	Current	1/1/2012	1/1/2013
<b>Water</b>	\$ 50.40	\$ 55.44	\$ 61.02
<b>Sewer</b>	\$ 23.03	\$ 24.53	\$ 26.00
<b>Trash</b>	\$ 18.87	\$ 18.87	\$ 18.87
<b>Total</b>	\$ 92.30	\$ 98.84	\$ 105.89
<b>Total monthly increase</b>			
		\$ 6.54	\$ 7.05
<b>Increase percent</b>			
		7.1%	7.1%

\* The sample rate calculation is based on a single family home with a 5/8 inch meter using 12 units of water per month.



For more information about the public hearing process or the proposed water and sewer rate increases, call 760-602-2403, or visit the city's website at [www.carlsbadca.gov/finance](http://www.carlsbadca.gov/finance).

## Notice of Public Hearing on proposed maximum sewer and water rate increases

**Tuesday  
December 6th, 2011  
at 6pm**

**City of Carlsbad  
City Council Chambers  
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive  
Carlsbad, CA 92008**

The rates for water and sewer service are proposed to increase. This notice has information about the proposed rate increases.



# Proposed Water and Sewer Increases

*The City of Carlsbad and the Carlsbad Municipal Water District are proposing an increase in water and sewer rates over the next 2 years. If the City Council and the Carlsbad Municipal Water District Board of Directors adopt the rate increases at the public hearing on December 6th, 2011, the new rates will be effective January 1, 2012, and January 1, 2013.*

## About Water Rates

There are two components to the water rates charged by the city: the delivery charge and the usage charge. The delivery charge is a monthly fixed charge based on the size of meter. The usage charge is the charge for the volume of water used. The proposed rate increases for the residential and non-residential delivery charges and usage charges are 10% (maximum) on January 1, 2012 and 10% (maximum) on January 1, 2013.

The City of Carlsbad purchases 100% of its potable water from the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA). The cost of potable water purchased from the SDCWA continues to increase. The cost of purchased recycled water has also risen. The proposed rates will cover the increasing cost of purchased water and pay for ongoing operations, maintenance and replacement of the city's water system, as well as establishing an adequate operating reserve.



## Residential water rates

Single-family and multi-family residential rates are grouped into tiers, with the first tiers having the lowest per unit rate and the second and third tiers having incrementally higher rates.

The proposed water rate increase for January 1, 2012, will raise the monthly water charge for a typical single family household with a 5/8 inch meter and using 12 units of water, by \$5.04 (from \$50.40 to \$55.44). The exact amount of the increase will vary among customers depending on actual water usage. The proposed increase for January 1, 2013 will raise the monthly water charge from \$55.44 to \$61.02 (\$5.58). Proposed water rates are shown on the table to the right.

## Commercial, agriculture, recycled and irrigation water rates

Non-residential customers have different water usage needs than residential customers; therefore, the usage rate is a flat per unit rate rather than a tiered rate. The delivery charge is also a flat rate based on meter size. Proposed non-residential rates are also shown on the table to the right.

### Two Year Maximum Rate Increases

	Current	1/1/2012 Proposed	1/1/2013 Proposed
Monthly Delivery Charge:		10%	10%
<b>Meter Size:</b>			
5/8"	\$ 18.00	\$ 19.80	\$ 21.78
3/4"	\$ 22.70	\$ 24.97	\$ 27.47
1"	\$ 32.43	\$ 35.67	\$ 39.24
1.5"	\$ 56.90	\$ 62.59	\$ 68.85
2"	\$ 86.08	\$ 94.69	\$ 104.16
2.5"	\$ 124.41	\$ 136.85	\$ 150.54
3"	\$ 163.91	\$ 180.30	\$ 198.33
4"	\$ 251.47	\$ 276.62	\$ 304.28
6"	\$ 494.97	\$ 544.47	\$ 598.92
8"	\$ 786.83	\$ 865.51	\$ 952.06
10"	\$ 1,127.62	\$ 1,240.38	\$ 1,364.42
Usage Charges (1 unit = 748 gallons):		10%	10%
<b>Single-Family Rates</b>			
Tier 1 (0-12 units)	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.97	\$ 3.27
Tier 2 (13-20 units)	\$ 3.48	\$ 3.83	\$ 4.21
Tier 3 (21+ units)	\$ 4.74	\$ 5.21	\$ 5.73
<b>Multi-Family Rates</b>			
Tier 1 (0-5 units)	\$ 2.28	\$ 2.51	\$ 2.76
Tier 2 (6-10 units)	\$ 2.57	\$ 2.83	\$ 3.11
Tier 3 (11+ units)	\$ 3.06	\$ 3.37	\$ 3.71
<b>Commercial and</b>			
Non-residential	\$ 3.12	\$ 3.43	\$ 3.77
Agricultural Rates	\$ 3.12	\$ 3.43	\$ 3.77
Irrigation Rate	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.85	\$ 4.24
Recycled Water	\$ 2.97	\$ 3.27	\$ 3.60